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Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification-Notification of Changes

June 10, 2016

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Under the authority of Maine statute 12 M.R.S.A., Chapter 607, Section 6172; the Commissioner has made the following classification change to Area No. 100-B, Bristol to Stockton Springs/Deer Isle/Stonington; this notice slightly reduces Exception Area 100-B-01 due to increasing levels of biotoxin. Species specific Exception Areas are defined in the text and are subject to strict sampling requirements that ensure the safety of harvested product. Bivalve shellfish may be wet stored by certified dealers who are located in an exception area and currently hold a valid wet storage permit issued by the Department in accordance with DMR Regulations 15.32 to 15.35. All existing pollution and red tide/PSP closures remain in effect.

The boundary descriptions of the area are as follows (struck text is being removed and underlined text is being added):

A. Effective immediately, because of paralytic shellfish poisoning (PSP), it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any mussels, European oysters (*Ostrea edulis*) or carnivorous snails from the shores, flats and waters of the following areas:

East of a line drawn south from the southernmost tip of Pemaquid Point (Bristol) to the limit of U.S. jurisdiction; AND west of a line beginning at the southernmost point of Cape Jellison (Stockton Springs), then running south to the westernmost tip of Resolution Island (Deer Isle), then running south to the northeastern tip of Compass Island (Deer Isle), then running southeast to the southern tip of Bald Island, then running southeast to the southwestern tip of Barred Island (Stonington), then running south to the eastern tip of Saddleback Ledge (Vinalhaven), then running south to the limit of U.S. jurisdiction.

EXCEPTION 100-B-01: mussels, European oysters (*Ostrea edulis*) and carnivorous snails may be harvested north of a line beginning at the tip of land forming the southern shore of the New Harbor entrance ~~southernmost tip of Pemaquid Point (Bristol)~~, then running east to the northern shore of Thompson Island (St. George), then running northeast to the southeast tip of Hupper Island (St. George), then east to the southern tip of Marshal Point (St. George).

EXCEPTION 100-B-02: mussels, European oysters (*Ostrea edulis*) and carnivorous snails may be harvested north of a line beginning at the easternmost tip of Spruce Head (South Thomaston), then running east to the southwestern tip of North Haven; AND north of a line beginning at the easternmost tip of Mullen Head (North Haven), then running southeast to Kimball Head on Kimball Point (Isle au Haut).

If you have questions, please contact Angel Ripley or Kohl Kanwit, Department of Marine Resources, 194 McKown Point Road, West Boothbay Harbor, Maine 04575-0008, Tel: (207) 633-9515 or (207) 633-9535, Email: angel.ripley@maine.gov or kohl.kanwit@maine.gov. During **weekends/holidays**, contact

the appropriate State Police barracks: from New Hampshire border to Brunswick, barracks 1-800-228-0857; from Cushing/Boothbay to Lincolnville/Belfast area, barracks 1-800-452-4664; from Belfast to Canadian border, barracks 1-800-432-7381. This notice can be viewed on the Department's website at: http://www.maine.gov/dmr/rm/public_health/closures/closedarea.htm . This information is also recorded on our HOTLINE (207-624-7727 OR 1-800-232-4733).



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Commissioner's Designee – Director, Bureau of Public Health

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